

MINUTES

Parks, Planning and Public Works Committee Meeting May 14, 2013

Elected Officials Present:

Council Member Kristiana Johnson
Council Member Diane Buckshnis

Staff Present:

Phil Williams, Public Works Director
Rob English, City Engineer
Carrie Hite, Parks & Recreation Director
Stephen Clifton, Community
Services/Economic
Development Director
John Westfall, Fire Marshall
Leif Bjorback, Building Official
Jeff Taraday, City Attorney
Renee McRae, Recreation Manager

The committee convened at 7:10 p.m.

A. Park Levy Exploration Committee Recommendation

Carrie Hite, Parks & Recreation Director, introduced Park Levy Exploration Committee members Phil Lovell and Bruce Witenberg. Ms. Hite, along with Mr. Lovell and Mr. Witenberg, discussed the recommendations regarding a Park Levy.

ACTION: Council Member Buckshnis forwarded this item to the Finance Committee for discussion. Council Member Johnson forwarded to Council for discussion.

B. Authorize Mayor to sign a contract with MIG for development of the PROS plan

Ms. Hite provided a brief background related to this matter.

ACTION: Moved to Consent Agenda for approval.

C. Authorize Mayor to sign Professional Services Agreement for A/E services for City Park

Ms. Hite provided a brief background related to this matter.

ACTION: Moved to Consent Agenda for approval.

D. Interim Ordinance to allow Public Markets in the Business Commercial (BC), Business Downtown (BD) and General Commercial (CG) Zones – Proposed changes to 16 and 21 of the Edmonds Community Development Code (ECDC). Ordinance to amend Chapter 4.90 of the Edmonds City Code (ECC) – Licensing.

Community Services/Economic Development Director Stephen Clifton presented an overview of the proposed changes to the ECDC and ECC. He discussed the approach taken to revise the codes, goals and objectives and how the proposed ordinances achieve the goals. Council member Buckshnis asked about next steps and the type of actions that need to be taken by the City Council. Mr. Clifton mentioned that the proposed Interim Ordinance (amendments to ECDC Chapters 16 and 21) will require a public hearing. This item is scheduled for the May 22, 2013 Planning Board as a workshop item and a public hearing conducted by the Planning Board will take place in June. The proposed ordinance amending ECC Chapter 4.90 does not require a

public hearing and the City Council has the ability to approve this ordinance as early as May 21, 2013 during the full City Council meeting. Council members Buckshnis and Johnson recommended the City Council approve the Interim Ordinance to allow Public Markets in the Business Commercial (BC), Business Downtown (BD) and General Commercial (CG) Zones - Proposed changes to 16 and 21 of the Edmonds Community Development Code (ECDC) and the Ordinance to amend Chapter 4.90 of the Edmonds City Code (ECC) - Licensing.

ACTION: Council members Buckshnis and Johnson recommended the City Council approve the Interim Ordinance to allow Public Markets in the Business Commercial (BC), Business Downtown (BD) and General Commercial (CG) Zones - Proposed changes to 16 and 21 of the Edmonds Community Development Code (ECDC) and the Ordinance to amend Chapter 4.90 of the Edmonds City Code (ECC) - Licensing.

E. Edmonds City Code Chapter 2 Revisions.

Jeff Taraday, City Attorney, was present for a discussion on proposed revisions to Edmonds City Code Chapter 2.

ACTION: Chapter 2.10 was moved forward to a future Council agenda for discussion.

NEW ITEM:

Discussion regarding issuance of 2013 water, sewer and stormwater utility bonds.

Mr. Williams discussed why the City was preparing to pursue a new revenue bond for funding capital improvements related to stormwater, water and sewer. He also let the committee know that the update to the wastewater comprehensive plan was nearing completion and that process has developed a new and lengthy list of improvement projects for wastewater. Scott Bauer from Dashen and Associates presented information about the bonding process and a timeline on when the bonds would be sold.

ACTION: None.

F. Authorization for Mayor to sign a Grant Agreement with the Department of Ecology for \$188,772 to conduct pre-design services for the Perrinville Creek Stormwater Flow Reduction Retrofit Study.

Mr. Williams explained how the proposed grant from the Department of Ecology would be used in conjunction with the stormwater funds previously programmed for the Perrinville Creek Stormwater Flow Reduction Retrofit Study.

ACTION: Moved to Consent Agenda for approval.

G. Authorizatin to award construction services for the 224th Street SW Sewer Upgrade project to Laser Underground and Earthworks.

Mr. English reviewed the history for the 224th Street SW sewer upgrade project and he let the committee know the improvements were a joint project between the City and Olympic View Water and Sewer District. The District will award and administer the construction contract with Laser Underground and Earthworks.

ACTION: Moved to Consent Agenda for approval.

H. Authorization to approve a storm utility easement for installation of infiltration and storm that will be part of improvements to be done as part of the 238th Storm Drain Project.

Mr. English provided a brief summary on why the storm utility easement was necessary for the improvements that will be completed as part of the 238th Storm Drain project.

ACTION: Moved to Consent Agenda for approval.

I. Proposed Ordinance authorizing the acquisition by negotiation or condemnation of real property interests needed for the 228th St. SW Corridor Improvements Project.

Mr. Williams discussed the purpose of the ordinance and how this ordinance was very similar to the one recently approved for the Five Corners Roundabout Project. A public hearing is tentatively scheduled for June 4, 2013 and each property owner included in the ordinance will be notified in writing about the ordinance and public hearing.

ACTION: Item is scheduled to be presented to full Council on June 4, 2013.

J. Final Contract Acceptance, WWTP A-Basin Upgrade Project

Mr. Williams provided background on the A-Basin Upgrade Project at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and he recommended final acceptance of the project by the City Council.

ACTION: Moved to Consent Agenda for approval.

K. Final Contract Acceptance, WWTP Building Roof Replacement

Mr. Williams described why the roof improvements were made at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and he recommended final acceptance of the project by the City Council.

ACTION: Moved to Consent Agenda for approval.

L. Title 19 Building Code Updates

Building Official Bjorback and Fire Marshal Westfall presented the proposed changes to Title 19 of the ECDC for building codes. The building codes are updated every 3 years and adopted at both the state and the city level. Council member Buckshtis asked whether the removal of the Board of Appeal provisions from the city code was the biggest proposed change. Mr. Bjorback explained that is was, and that they were currently working with the city attorney to make sure the language regarding the hearing examiner process would work as intended. He also explained that the hearing examiner has been a viable option for a number of years, and there has not been the need for an appeal since 2001.

Council member Johnson asked why certain portions of the International Residential Code were not slated for adoption along with the rest of the IRC. Mr. Bjorback explained the provisions for plumbing and electrical are provided in other adopted codes, and thus not needed in the IRC for our jurisdiction. It was decided to add brief language to section 19.05.010 to clarify this point.

Council member Johnson asked why there was a proposed change to the exemption from building permit for playground equipment. Bjorback explained that due to recently gained knowledge of new accessibility codes, he is planning to reevaluate this issue and will modify the exemption as appropriate.

Fire Marshal Westfall explained that the Fire and Marina Code sections were addressed this evening in Public Safety Committee. Few minor edits and few significant changes were addressed in Chapters 19.25 and 19.65. The Public Safety Committee approved the Fire and Marina Code sections to move forward to public hearing on June 4 or upon preferred schedule of Council President Petso.

ACTION: The Parks, Planning and Public Works Committee approved the proposed changes to Title 19 as discussed, and recommended forwarding to full council. As the new codes take effect statewide on July 1, Mr. Westfall suggested a public hearing date of June 4, or as appropriate for the council's schedule.

M. Public Comments

There were no public comments.

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 pm.